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PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE

1. The last Order under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 1972 in relation to electoral arrangements for districts in the County of Wiltshire was made on 30 August 1979. As required by Section 63 and Schedule 9 of the Act we have now reviewed the electoral arrangements for that county, using the procedures we had set out in our Report No 6.
2. We informed the Wiltshire County Council in a consultation letter dated 26 October 1979 that we proposed to conduct the review, and sent copies of the letter to the district and borough councils, town and parish councils and parish meetings in the county, to the Members of Parliament representing the constituencies concerned, to the headquarters of the main political parties and to the editors both of local papers circulating in the county and of the local government press. Notices inserted in the local press announced the start of the review.
3. On 10 April 1980 the County Council submitted to us a draft scheme in which they suggested 74 electoral divisions for the county, each returning one member in accordance with Section 6(2)(a) of the Act.
4. We considered this scheme together with the views expressed by local interests. On 5 August 1980 we issued draft proposals which we sent to all those who had received our consultation letter or commented on the county council's draft scheme. Notices were inserted in the local press announcing that the draft proposals had been issued and could be inspected at the county council's offices.
5. We incorporated the county council's draft scheme in our draft proposals subject to one amendment. This involved regrouping parishes and district wards in the Calne area of North Wiltshire District along lines suggested by County Councillor Mrs E Hornby. This modification involved combining (a) the parishes of Bremhill and Hilmarton with the North, North East and Abberd district wards of Calne to form a Calne North division and (b) the parishes of Compton Bassett, Cherhill, Calne Without and Heddington with the Central and South district wards of Calne to form a Calne South division.

6. For the purposes of formulating draft proposals we assumed that the proposals contained in our Report No 380 for the realignment of the boundary between the Borough of Thamesdown and the District of North Wiltshire would be approved.

(Subsequently the Secretary of State for the Environment made an order implementing the proposals with effect from 1 April 1981).

7. In publishing our draft proposals we made the following general comments:

"The Commission recognise the exceptional difficulties created by the rapid expansion of the electorate in certain parts of Thamesdown Borough and the degree of uncertainty about the future distribution of the electorate, particularly in the western part of the Borough, even over a relatively short period ahead. In these circumstances they have adopted the council's draft scheme for the Borough (including the area proposed for transfer from North Wiltshire) as providing an acceptable standard of representation for the time being, having regard particularly to the imminence of County Council elections in 1981. On the other hand they doubt whether it will prove satisfactory to meet the needs of the electorate throughout the next five years. They therefore anticipate that it will be necessary to carry out a further review of the electoral arrangements for a part, or possibly the whole, of the county in time for the elections due to take place in 1985."

8. We received comments in response to our draft proposals from the Wiltshire County Council, three district councils, one borough council, twenty parish councils, two town councils, eight political organisations, five other organisations, five county councillors and one private individual. A list of those who wrote to us is given at Appendix 1 to this report.

9. The Wiltshire County Council stated that they did not wish to make any observations on our draft proposals.

10. The Labour Party National Headquarters expressed their very strong opposition to the procedure described in paragraph 7 above. They strongly contested that our draft proposals would provide an acceptable standard of representation for the time being as some proposed divisions would have more than double the number of electors in

others. They took the view that if it were not possible to provide a fair scheme for 1981 it would be better to leave the existing electoral divisions and prepare an acceptable scheme for 1985. They considered the Commission should avoid the considerable upset caused by new electoral arrangements occurring more often than is absolutely necessary and pointed out that Wiltshire would not be the only County which will not have new electoral arrangements in 1981. Similar comments were received from various Labour Party Constituency Associations.

11. We also received a number of requests for a local meeting to be held, particularly in relation to the Calne area and more generally from the Chippenham Constituency Labour Party.

12. The other comments we received can be summarised, district by district, as follows:

(a) Kennet District

Devizes Town Council supported our proposals. Devizes Constituency Liberal Association resubmitted their alternative scheme for the district, part of which had already been incorporated in the draft proposals. Kennet District Council supported Poulshot Parish Council's request that their parish form part of the proposed Lavington division so that it could be linked with the other parishes that were in the same district ward. The parish councils of Baydon, Fyfield and Overton, Mildenhall, and Savernake and Devizes Constituency Liberal Association asked that the name of the proposed Aldbourne and Ramsbury division be changed to Preshute, the name of the present division.

(b) North Wiltshire District

Calne Town Council and Councillor Mrs Hornby supported our draft proposals. The following objectors opposed our draft proposals for the Calne area, preferring instead the divisions proposed under the County Council's draft scheme: North Wiltshire District Council, the parish councils of Bremhill, Calne Without, Cherhill, Compton Bassett, Heddington, and Hilmarton, Chippenham Constituency Labour Party, Chippenham Division Conservative and Unionist Association, the National Farmers' Union, Bremhill and District Women's Institute, Cherhill Women's Institute, Compton Bassett Women's Institute, Heddington and Stockley Women's Institute,

County Councillor The Earl of Shelburne, County Councillor W H Earle, County Councillor G B Jamieson and one private individual. Councillor Jamieson repeated his suggestion for a regrouping of wards in the proposed Chippenham Town, Pewsham, and Chippenham Park Divisions.

(c) Salisbury District

Salisbury District Council raised no objections to our draft proposals but asked that they be implemented in time for the 1981 elections. Allington Parish Council and Idmiston Parish Council repeated their wish to remain linked with other parishes in the Bourne Valley. Bowerchalke Parish Council said they would rather form part of the proposed Wilton division than Tisbury division, with which they had fewer ties. Salisbury Division Liberal Association repeated their objection to the proposed reduction in the number of councillors representing the district and also thought that the draft proposals did not pay due attention to the protection of local ties. They resubmitted both their alternative schemes for the district. Salisbury Constituency Labour Party objected to the draft proposals because they combined wards in the proposed Laverstock and Salisbury Bemerton divisions which were traditionally unconnected. They submitted an alternative scheme for the district but felt that it would be uneconomical and confusing to the electorate to implement new electoral arrangements for the 1981 elections if a further review was expected to take place before the 1985 elections. Councillor Heffernan suggested a regrouping of wards and parishes in the proposed Amesbury, Idmiston, and Shrewton divisions to facilitate communication within these divisions and cater for community of interest.

(d) Thamesdown Borough

Thamesdown Borough Council objected to the draft proposals and asked for further consideration to be given to their earlier alternative suggestions. These involved the formation of two divisions from the proposed Swindon Western division in order to increase the electoral representation of the Borough by one member, and the transferring of South Marston Parish from the proposed Blunsdon to the Wanborough division in which it would be grouped with a similar combination of parishes as in the Ridgeway district ward. They also asked that revised arrangements be introduced for the 1981 elections to avoid the confusion that would arise from conducting these elections on the existing arrangements (which bore no relation to the present pattern of wards in the borough).

Swindon Labour Party criticised the varying size of divisional electorates obtained under the draft proposals. Chippenham Constituency Labour Party expressed concern about implementation of the new arrangements for 1981 as far as they applied to the proposed Swindon Toothill division, having regard to the rapid increase in electorate in that division over the new five years.

(e) West Wiltshire District

The parish councils of Bratton, Edington, and Keevil and Westbury Constituency Labour Party asked that the name of the proposed Hilperton division be changed to Whorewellsdown, by which name the area had been known for many years. Hilperton Parish Council themselves did not object to the name Whorewellsdown. Melksham Without Parish Council repeated their objection to the proposal to combine the rural wards of Woodrow and Blackmore Forest with the urban Melksham Town ward to form the Melksham Without division. Westbury Constituency Labour Party were concerned that the three Trowbridge divisions of the draft proposals would not be evenly represented.

13. When we came to reassess our draft proposals we took account of all the comments we had received. In particular we gave careful consideration to the arguments put forward by the Labour Party Headquarters and others against implementing new arrangements for the 1981 elections if a further review would be necessary before the 1985 elections, and their comments on the inequalities of representation contained in our draft proposals, notably in Thamesdown Borough.

14. When we were considering the County Council's draft scheme we recognised that the variations in the size of the divisions in Thamesdown Borough were a good deal larger than we would normally expect to achieve. On the other hand it would clearly have been impracticable for us to work out, with the assistance of the County Council, the completely revised scheme for Thamesdown that would have been required to make it possible for new arrangements to be implemented for the 1981 elections. We took the view that, because of the desirability of enabling the rest of the County to benefit from improved standards of representation in 1981, it would be right to publish draft proposals without delay based on the draft scheme (subject to certain amendments), but with the general reservation described in paragraph 7 above.

15. In deciding whether or not it would be in the interests of effective and convenient local government to put forward proposals for new arrangements based on our draft proposals that could be brought into force for the 1981 elections we thought it relevant to examine what would happen if the 1981 elections were carried out under the existing arrangements. On the basis of the 1980 electorate, Thamesdown Borough would be under-represented to the extent of two members and West Wiltshire by one, whereas Kennet District and Salisbury District would be over-represented by two members and one member respectively. If on the other hand our proposals were implemented each District would, with a slightly smaller Council, be correctly represented on the basis of the 1980 electorate.

16. As regards the consequences in terms of electoral divisions of retaining the existing arrangements we have been unable to obtain figures later than those for 1978, but on this basis it is clear that in all the four districts other than Thamesdown the standard of representation would be a great deal more uneven than if our proposals were implemented. Subject to any variations that may have occurred since 1978, 23 divisions would have electorates more than 20% above or below the average size (ranging from 2,635 to 8,797) as against 5 under our proposals on the basis of the 1980 electorate, with a much more limited range from 3,831 to 6,811.

17. In Thamesdown Borough the position is less clear, partly because we have been unable to obtain any figures for the 7 Swindon divisions later than 1975, and there is every reason to suppose that substantial changes will have occurred in the electorates of a number of these and other divisions of the Borough since both 1975 and 1978. It is nevertheless possible that, because there are at present a number of 2 or 3 member divisions in Swindon which tend to iron out the inequalities, the standard of representation might be more even than it would be if our proposals were implemented, as we are obliged under the 1972 Act to propose single member divisions. Against this must be placed the confusion and administrative difficulties, to which Thamesdown Borough Council have drawn attention, that would be involved in using for the 1981 elections the existing divisions which take no account of the new District Wards. Our inability to obtain up-to-date figures based on the existing divisions illustrates this aspect of the problem.

18. Under these circumstances we have found it difficult to judge where the balance of advantage lies. To implement our proposals now would undoubtedly produce an unbalanced standard of representation in Thamesdown Borough, but it would greatly improve the position in the rest of the County. **It would also rule out the possibility of a local meeting.** There are obvious disadvantages in a further review before 1985, but most of the work on the current review has now been done and much of it would have to be re-done to provide satisfactory arrangements for the 1985 elections even if our current proposals were not implemented for 1981. We have taken the view that the right course is for us to give you the opportunity to implement new arrangements for the 1981 elections, if you see fit, and have therefore set out our proposals for that purpose below. The timing of any further review could be considered later, bearing in mind that we have already indicated in our Report No 380 dealing with the change in the boundary between Thamesdown Borough and North Wiltshire District that, in view of the uncertainty about the rate of growth of the electorate, we would if necessary be prepared to carry out a fresh review of the electoral wards of Thamesdown Borough itself when the pattern of development becomes clearer.

19. If on the other hand you decide not to implement our proposals for the 1981 elections we would propose ourselves to initiate a further review of the arrangements for the County as a whole at an appropriate time to allow for their full consideration before the 1985 elections.

20. On the assumption that you decide that new arrangements should be implemented in time for the 1981 elections, we came to the following conclusions on the detailed comments that had been put to us on individual districts:-

(a) Kennet District

We could see no grounds for accepting the whole of the alternative scheme put forward by the Devizes Constituency Liberal Association which appeared to have no other local support. But the Poulshot Parish Council's request that their parish should be transferred to the Lavington division would not upset the

standard of representation of the two divisions involved and was supported by the District Council; we therefore accepted it. Changing the name Aldbourne and Ramsbury to Preshute would have run counter to our general practice on naming divisions, and we did not find there were any convincing reasons for so doing.

(b) North Wiltshire District

Our adoption of Councillor Mrs Hornby's alternative suggestions for the two divisions in the Calne area of this district in our draft proposals, though supported by the Calne Town Council, gave rise to strong opposition from a number of quarters including the District Council and we were urged to reconsider the divisions proposed under the County Council's draft scheme. We re-examined both arrangements very carefully and found that there were strong arguments for each point of view. Our draft proposals would produce a slightly more even standard of representation, but had clearly aroused a great deal of local opposition. We came to the conclusion that on balance it would be in the interests of effective and convenient local government to revert to the draft scheme. We could find no significant benefit resulting from Councillor Jamieson's suggestion, which was numerically inferior to our draft proposals and entailed splitting a district ward.

(c) Salisbury District

We saw the force of the arguments for divisions comprising areas identifiable with geographical features (the Bourne and Chalke Valleys in this instance) which would be conducive to unhindered communication and preservation of local ties. No viable alternative schemes had however been put forward which would have satisfied the majority of objections levelled against our draft proposals. **The alternative schemes put forward by the Liberal and Labour parties produced less even standards of representation than our draft proposals.**

(d) Thamesdown Borough

We again gave careful consideration to the two modifications to our draft proposals put forward by the Thamesdown Borough Council. We did not, however, feel able to accept them. The additional member entailed in the first modification would, on the basis of the 1980 electorate, lead to over-representation of the Borough; the other more minor suggested modification did not do anything to improve the already uneven standard of representation.

(e) West Wiltshire District

The suggested name change from Hilperton to Whorewellsdown had attracted support from a number of quarters and we decided to accept it. The suggestions of Melksham Without Parish Council did not offer a satisfactory alternative to our draft proposals, while Westbury Constituency Labour Party did not offer any alternatives. We recognised that the Trowbridge divisions are not well balanced, but no satisfactory alternative had been suggested.

21. In the light of the conclusions set out in paragraph 20 above we decided that, if new arrangements were to be brought in to force for the 1981 elections, we should confirm our draft proposals as our final proposals for the county, subject to the change of name in West Wiltshire district, referred to in paragraph 20(e) above and the amendments in Kennet and North Wiltshire Districts referred to in paragraph 20(a) and (b).

22. Details of these final proposals are set out in Schedules 1 and 2 to this report and on the attached map. Schedule 1 gives the names of the electoral divisions. A detailed description of the boundaries of the proposed electoral divisions, as defined on the map, is set out in Schedule 2.

PUBLICATION

23. In accordance with Section 60(5)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 a copy of this report and a copy of the map are being sent to Wiltshire County Council and will be available for inspection at the Council's main offices. Copies of this report (without map) are being sent to those who received the consultation letter and to those who made comments.

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Signed:

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LESLIE GRIMSHAW (Secretary)

6 November 1980

LIST OF THOSE WHO COMMENTED ON DRAFT PROPOSALS

	<u>AREA CONCERNED</u>
Wiltshire County Council	Whole county
The Labour Party Headquarters	" "
KENNET DISTRICT	
Kennet District Council	Whole district
Baydon Parish Council	Aldbourne and Ramsbury
Fyfield and Overton Parish Council	" " "
Grafton Parish Council	Bedwyn
Mildenhall Parish Council	Aldbourne and Ramsbury
Poulshot Parish Council	Potterne
Savernake Parish Council	Aldbourne and Ramsbury
Devizes Town Council	Whole district
Devizes Constituency Liberal Association	" "
NORTH WILTSHIRE DISTRICT	
North Wiltshire District Council	Calne
Bremhill Parish Council	"
Calne Without Parish Council	"
Cherhill Parish Council	"
Compton Bassett Parish Council	"
Heddington Parish Council	"
Hilmarton Parish Council	"
Calne Town Council	"
Chippenham Constituency Labour Party	Calne, Box/Corsham, and Swindon
Chippenham Division Conservative and Unionist Association	Toothill Calne
National Farmers' Union	"
Bremhill and District Women's Institute	"
Cherhill Women's Institute	"
Compton Bassett Women's Institute	"
Heddington and Stockley Women's Institute	"

NORTH WILTSHIRE DISTRICT (Contd.)

County Councillor Mrs E Hornby
 County Councillor The Earl of Shelburne
 County Councillor W H Earle
 County Councillor G B Jamieson
One private individual

AREA CONCERNED

Calne
 "
 "
 Calne, and Chippenham
Calne

SALISBURY DISTRICT

Salisbury District Council
 Allington Parish Council
 Bowerchalke Parish Council
 Idmiston Parish Council
 Salisbury Division Liberal Association
 Salisbury Constituency Labour Party
 County Councillor T Heffernan

Whole district
 Amesbury
 Tisbury
 Idmiston
 Whole district
 " "
 Amesbury, Idmiston, and Shrewton

THAMESDOWN BOROUGH

Thamesdown Borough Council
 Swindon Constituency Labour Party

Swindon Western, Blunsdon, and
 Wanborough
 Whole borough

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT

Bratton Parish Council
 Edington Parish Council
 Hilperton Parish Council
 Keevil Parish Council
 Melksham Without Parish Council
 Westbury Constituency Labour Party

Hilperton
 "
 "
 "
 Melksham Without
 Hilperton, and Trowbridge

COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE

NAMES OF PROPOSED ELECTORAL DIVISIONS
(EACH RETURNING ONE COUNTY COUNCILLOR)

PROPOSED COUNTY ELECTORAL DIVISIONS WITHIN DISTRICTS

DISTRICT OF KENNET

Aldbourne and Ramsbury

Bedwyn

Collingbourne

Devizes

Devizes South and Cannings

Lavington

Marlborough

Pewsey and Enford

Potterne

DISTRICT OF NORTH WILTSHIRE

Box

Bremhill and Calne Without

Brinkworth

Calne

Chippenham Park

Chippenham Sheldon

Chippenham Town

Corsham

Cricklade

Kington

Malmesbury

Pewsham

Purton

Wootton Bassett North

Wootton Bassett South

DISTRICT OF SALISBURY

Alderbury

Amesbury

Downton

Durrington

Idmiston

Laverstock

Mere

Salisbury Bemerton

Salisbury Harnham

Salisbury St Mark

Salisbury St Martin

Salisbury St Paul

Shrewton

Tisbury

Wilton

BOROUGH OF THAMESDOWN

Blunsdon

Highworth

Stratton St Margaret, Coleview and Nythe

Stratton St Margaret, St Margaret

Stratton St Margaret, St Philip

Swindon Central

Swindon Eastcott

Swindon Eldene

Swindon Gorse Hill

Swindon Lawns

Swindon Liden

Swindon Moredon

Swindon Park North

Swindon Park South

BOROUGH OF THAMESDOWN (Contd.)

Swindon South

Swindon Toothill

Swindon Walcot

Swindon Western

Swindon Whitworth

Wanborough

Wroughton

DISTRICT OF WEST WILTSHIRE

Bradford-on-Avon South

Bradford-on-Avon North

Whorewellsdown

Holt

Melksham

Melksham Without

Southwick

Trowbridge East

Trowbridge South

Trowbridge West

Upper Wylve Valley

Warminster East

Warminster West

Westbury

COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE - DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ELECTORAL DIVISION BOUNDARIES

Note: Where the boundary is described as following a road, railway, river, canal or similar feature, it should be deemed to follow the centre of the feature unless otherwise stated.

KENNET DISTRICT

ALDBOURNE AND RAMSBURY ED

The Kennet District Wards of:

Aldbourne

Ogbourne

Ramsbury

West Overton

West Selkley

BEDWYN ED

The Kennet District Wards of:

Bedwyn

Burbage

Milton Lilbourne

and the Parishes of:

Buttermere

Ham

Shalbourne

Tidcombe and Fosbury

COLLINGBOURNE ED

The Kennet District Wards of:

Collingbourne

Ludgershall

North Tidworth

and the Parishes of:

Chute

Chute Forest

DEVIZES ED

The Kennet District Wards of:

Devizes East

Devizes North

DEVIZES SOUTH AND CANNINGS ED

The Kennet District Wards of:

Cannings

Devizes South

Roundway

Woodborough

LAVINGTON ED

The Kennet District Wards of:

Cheverell

Market Lavington

Urchfont

West Lavington

MARLBOROUGH ED

The Kennet District Wards of:

Marlborough East

Marlborough West

PEWSEY AND ENFORD ED

The Kennet District Wards of:

Netheravon

Pewsey

Upavon

Wilcot

POTTERNE ED

The Kennet District Wards of:

Bromham

Potterne

Seend

NORTH WILTSHIRE DISTRICT

The North Wiltshire District Wards used in this description are those listed in SI (1979) No 1015; the North Wiltshire District (Electoral Arrangements) Order (which will come into operation for District Election purposes on 5 May 1983).

BOX ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Box

Pickwick

BREMHILL AND CALNE WITHOUT ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Calne South

Calne Without

Hilmarton

and the Parish of:

Bremhill

BRINKWORTH ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Brinkworth

Minety

Somerford

and the Parish of:

Crudwell

CALNE ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Calne Abberd

Calne Central

Calne North

Calne North East

CHIPPENHAM PARK ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Audley

Malmesbury Road

Park

CHIPPENHAM SHELDON ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Allington

Queens

Redland

Westcroft

CHIPPENHAM TOWN ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Avon

Hill Rise

London Road

Town

CORSHAM ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Corsham

Neston and Gastard

CRICKLADE ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Ashton Keynes

Cricklade

KINGTON ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Colerne

Kington St Michael

Nettleton

MALMESBURY ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Malmesbury

Sherston

St Paul Malmesbury Without

and the Parish of:

Brokenborough

PEWSHAM ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Kington Langley

Lacock

Pewsham

and the Parishes of:

Christian Malford

Langley Burrell Without

PURTON ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Purton

The Lydiards

WOOTTON BASSETT NORTH ED

The North Wiltshire District Ward of:

Wootton Bassett North

WOOTTON BASSETT SOUTH ED

The North Wiltshire District Wards of:

Lynham

Wootton Bassett South

SALISBURY DISTRICT

ALDERBURY ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Alderbury

Whiteparish

and the Parish of:

Pitton and Farley

AMESBURY ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Amesbury

Upper Bourne

DOWNTON ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Downton

Ebble

Redlynch

DURRINGTON ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Bulford

Durrington

IDMISTON ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Idmiston

Winterbourne

Winterslow

LAVERSTOCK ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Laverstock

Milford

MERE ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Fonthill

Knoyle

Mere

Western

SALISBURY BEMERTON ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Bemerton

Stratford

SALISBURY HARNHAM ED

The Salisbury District Ward of:

Harnham

SALISBURY ST MARK ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Bishopdown

St Mark

SALISBURY ST MARTIN ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

St Edmund

St Martin

SALISBURY ST PAUL ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Fisherton and Bemerton Village

St Paul

- SHREWTON ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Till Valley

Woodford Valley

Wylve

TISBURY ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Donhead

Fovant

Tisbury

and the Parishes of:

Alvediston

Bower Chalke

Broad Chalke

Ebbesbourne Wake

WILTON ED

The Salisbury District Wards of:

Nadder

Wilton

and the Parishes of:

Bishopstone

Stratford Toney

THAMESDOWN BOROUGH

BLUNSDON ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Blunsdon

and the Parishes of:

Haydon Wick

South Marston

HIGHWORTH ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Highworth

STRATTON ST MARGARET, COLEVIEW AND NYTHE ED

The Stratton St Margaret Parish Ward of:

Coleview and Nythe

STRATTON ST MARGARET, ST MARGARET ED

The Stratton St Margaret Parish Ward of:

St Margaret

STRATTON ST MARGARET, ST PHILIP ED

The Stratton St Margaret District Ward of:

St Philip

SWINDON CENTRAL ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Central

SWINDON EASTCOTT ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Eastcott

SWINDON ELDENE ED

That part of Dorcan District Ward commencing at the point where the northern boundary of said district ward meets the road known as Dorcan Way, thence southwards and southwestwards along said road to the western boundary of Dorcan Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of said ward, thence generally eastwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

SWINDON GORSE HILL ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Gorse Hill

SWINDON LAWNS ED

Commencing at the point where the eastern boundary of Park District Ward meets the northeastern boundary of Lawns District Ward, thence south-eastwards along said northeastern boundary to the southeastern boundary of said ward, thence southwestwards along said southeastern boundary to the point where it crosses the M4 motorway at Grid Reference SU 1647581434, thence northwards in a straight line to the fence being the southwards extension of the eastern boundary of Broome Manor, thence northwards along said extension to the southern boundary of said Manor, thence westwards along said southern boundary to the western boundary of said property, thence northwards along said western boundary, the western boundary of The Cottage Broome Manor and continuing northwards along the western boundary of Broome Manor to the western boundary of the outbuildings situated to the north of Broome Manor, thence northwards, eastwards and northwards along said western boundary to the northern boundary of said outbuildings, thence generally northeastwards along said northern boundary to the track situated to the north of said outbuildings, thence eastwards along said track to the unnamed road leading from Broome Manor to Broome Manor Lane, thence northeastwards along said unnamed road to a point opposite the northeastern boundary of Burmah House, thence northwestwards to and northwestwards and northeastwards along said northeastern boundary and in prolongation thereof to Marlborough Road, thence northwestwards along said road, crossing the roundabout junction known as Piper's, to a point opposite the southern boundary of No 29 Marlborough Road, thence eastwards to and along said southern boundary to the rear boundary of said property, thence northwestwards along said rear boundary and the rear boundaries of Nos 27 and 21 Marlborough Road to the northern boundary of the last

mentioned property, thence westwards along said northern boundary to the rear boundary of No 19 Marlborough Road, thence northwestwards along said rear boundary to the southeastern boundary of the Telephone Exchange, thence northeastwards along said southeastern boundary to the northeastern boundary of No 18 Bouverie Avenue, thence southeastwards along said northeastern boundary and continuing southeastwards along the rear boundary of No 19 Bouverie Avenue and the northeastern boundary of the parcel of land to the north of No 8 Sandown Avenue to the northeastern corner of said parcel of land, thence due north from said northeastern corner to the footpath situated to the north of the road known as Lakeside, thence eastwards along said footpath to the footpath adjacent to the western boundary of the properties in Cardigan Close and Ludlow Close, thence northwards and eastwards along said footpath to the footpath leading from Highclere Avenue to Falmouth Grove, thence northwestwards along said footpath to the northern boundary of Lawns Ward, thence eastwards along said northern boundary to the point of commencement.

SWINDON LIDEN ED

That part of Dorcan Ward not included in Swindon Eldene ED.

SWINDON MOREDON ED

That part of Moredon Ward not included in Blunsdon ED.

SWINDON PARK NORTH ED

That part of Park District Ward bounded by a line commencing at the point where the northeastern boundary of Park Ward meets the western boundary of Swindon Eldene ED, thence southwards along said western boundary to a point due east of the junction of Shaftesbury Avenue and Whitbourne Avenue, thence due west to said junction and continuing westwards and northwestwards along Whitbourne Avenue to the northwestern boundary of Park Ward, thence generally northeastwards along said northwestern boundary to the northeastern boundary of said ward, thence southeastwards along said northeastern boundary to the point of commencement.

SWINDON PARK SOUTH ED

That part of Park District Ward not included in Swindon Park North Ed.

SWINDON SOUTH ED

That part of Lawns District Ward not included in Swindon Lawns ED.

SWINDON TOOTHILL ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Toothill

See SI (1980) No 1558; The North Wiltshire and Thamesdown (Areas) Order 1980
(which shall become operative on 1 April 1981)

SWINDON WALCOT ED

The Thamesdown Borough ward of:

Walcot

SWINDON WESTERN ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Western

SWINDON WHITWORTH ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Whitworth

WANBOROUGH ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Chiseldon

and the Parishes of:

Bishopstone

Liddington

Wanborough

WROUGHTON ED

The Thamesdown Borough Ward of:

Wroughton

WEST WILTSHIRE DISTRICT

The West Wiltshire District Wards used in this description are those listed in SI (1979) No 1108; the West Wiltshire District (Electoral Arrangements) Order (which will come into operation for District election purposes on 5 May 1983).

BRADFORD-ON-AVON NORTH ED

The West Wiltshire District Ward of:

Bradford-on-Avon North

and the Parishes of:

Limpley Stoke

Monkton Farleigh

Winsley

BRADFORD-ON-AVON SOUTH ED

The West Wiltshire District Ward of:

Bradford-on-Avon South

and the Parishes of:

Westwood

Wingfield

HOLT ED

The West Wiltshire District Wards of:

Holt

Westbrook

and the Parishes of:

Semington

Staverton

MELKSHAM ED

The West Wiltshire District Wards of:

Melksham Forest

Melksham Lambourne

Melksham Roundpond

MELKSHAM WITHOUT ED

The West Wiltshire District Wards of:

Blackmore Forest

Melksham Town

Melksham Without-Woodrow

SOUTHWICK ED

The West Wiltshire District Ward of:

Dilton Marsh

and the Parishes of:

North Bradley

Southwick

and the Village Ward of the Parish of Heywood

TROWBRIDGE EAST ED

The West Wiltshire District Wards of:

Adcroft

Park

TROWBRIDGE SOUTH ED

The West Wiltshire District Wards of:

College

Drynham

TROWBRIDGE WEST ED

The West Wiltshire District Ward of:

John O'Gaunt

UPPER WYLYE VALLEY ED

The West Wiltshire District Wards of:

Corsley

Mid Wylyw Valley

Shearwater

Wylve Valley

WARMINSTER EAST ED

The West Wiltshire District Ward of:

Warminster East

WARMINSTER WEST ED

The West Wiltshire District Ward of:

Warminster West

WESTBURY ED

The West Wiltshire District Ward of:

Westbury with Storridge

WHOREWELLSDOWN ED

The West Wiltshire District Ward of:

Ethandune

and the parishes of:

Bulkington

Great Hinton

Hilperton

Keevil

West Ashton

and the Village Ward of the Parish of Steeple Ashton